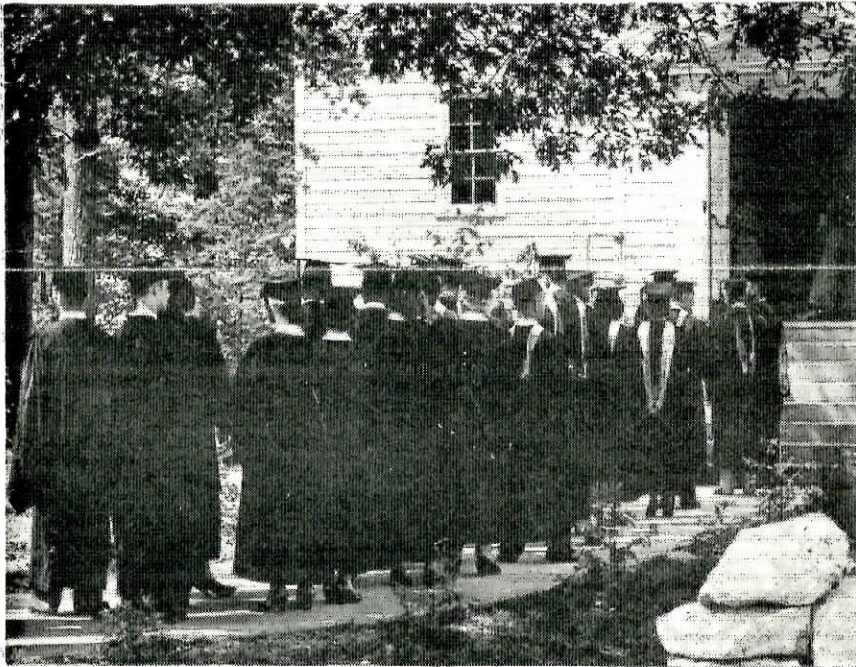


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*Pictured is the academic procession as it formed outside the memorial chapel at the graduation exercises.*

## 31 Get Degrees at Commencement; Thornton, Grover Receive P. A. Boyd Prizes; Other Awards Announced

Challenging the 1953 graduates with the responsibility they have as representatives of a Person, the Lord Jesus Christ, Dr. Clarence E. Mason, Jr., delivered the commencement address June 10 to 31 graduates and nearly two hundred visitors and relatives of the graduates. Twenty-eight received the Bachelor of Arts degree and three the Bachelor of Science degree.

Charles Thornton of Wesco, Missouri, and Mary Grover of Willoughby, Ohio, were the senior students announced as winners of the ten dollar P. A. Boyd prizes, which are awarded each year to the students who have exercised the highest degree of influence over their fellow students and who have manifested a definite Christian testimony and character. Students from each of the other classes receiving the prizes were Robert Lehnhart of Mansfield, Ohio, junior; Barbara Crandall of New London, Ohio, sophomore; and Ronald Bensinger of Ionia, Michigan, freshman.

The Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Rogers' senior awards were presented to Bessie Degerman of Bemidji, Minnesota,

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## President Tells of Progress In Annual Report to Trustees

*(The following is a condensation of the text of President Judson A. Rudd's annual report to the university trustees for the year 1952-53.)*

Although the administration of the college has been under great pressure in many areas during the school year just concluded, the Lord has manifested His presence step by step along the way.

Enrollment reached a total of 230 for the school year, a record for the entire history of the university.

Despite the increased enrollment, the spiritual tone of the school has remained high. Generally speaking, student morale has been good and the widely recognized "family spirit"

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## Miss Barrows Accepts Post In Psychology, Education

Miss Bonnidell Barrows will be joining the university staff in September as instructor in psychology and education to replace William D. Green, who will be leaving to pursue his doctor's degree in education at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

The daughter of missionary parents, Miss Barrows was born in San Jose, Costa Rica. She received her A. B. from Wheaton College in 1950 and her M. A. from Boston University in 1953. She is a member of Chi Sigma Theta National Honor Society.

Miss Barrows specialized in clinical psychology and has served as psychiatric aide in Wisconsin State Colony and Training School, Institute of Living in Hartford, Connecticut, and Arizona State Children's Colony.



## OAKLEY ELECTED HEAD OF BRYAN ALUMNI, 1953-54

Don Oakley, a 1950 graduate of Bryan, was elected to head the alumni association for the coming year according to an announcement made at the annual alumni banquet June 6.

Assisting him in the executive cabinet are Henry Moeller, vice-president, Mrs. Gladys Meznar, secretary, Marjorie Miller, treasurer, and Richard McIntosh, chairman of committee on elections. All are Bryan graduates.

The banquet centered around the theme, "Christ above all in every walk of life." Joel Kettenring, a 1951 graduate, was toastmaster and alumnus John Quimby, missionary on furlough from Tokyo, Japan, was speaker.

A resolution drawn up by the Dallas alumni chapter proposing a fall home-coming for alumni was adopted at the session.



## From My Heart to You



In my daily devotions for the two days succeeding the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, I meditated on the twelfth chapter of I Corinthians. In this wonderful chapter we see that the Lord Jesus is continuing His earthly ministry through a collective body of individuals, each of whom is indwelt by the Spirit of God. To us individually and collectively it is said, "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." In I Corinthians 12:6 we are told that "It is the same God which worketh all in all."

Of the various interested groups making up the university, one of the most important groups, is the Board of Trustees. The board is legally the source of all authority and with it rests final responsibility for the perpetuation and welfare of the university. If God is to work out His will in the life and ministry of the university, He must work out His will through the Board of Trustees as well as through the other groups. The growth of the university in stature and strength for the service of Christ has been dependent upon the growth of these groups.

The Board of Trustees was responsible for the legal birth of the university. The board ministered to the needs of the university in its early life. A nucleus of board members stood faithfully during the trying days of the depression. Now in recent years the board has again taken a most prominent part in the growth and welfare of Bryan University.

With the increased activity of the board, I have seen it catch a new vision of the reason for the existence of the university, its ministry, and its service. The trustees have come to know and understand each other. They have been learning how to plan and work together. They have learned the importance of securing the interest and support of others in the ministry of Bryan. It has been a joy to

see them stress the primary importance of the spiritual life, the necessity of high academic standards, and the desirability of material facilities to better care for the students that God has given us.

In this recent annual meeting of the board it was more evident than ever before how the individual trustees complement and supplement each other. In the language of the Apostle Paul in the twelfth chapter of I Corinthians, some are feet, some are hands, some are ears, some are eyes, and some are like other sensory apparatuses of the human body. As the trustees manifested a concern for one another, it was evident that they understood their need for one another in order to know and to do the will of God.

The trustees of Bryan University are a representative group, the final repository of all that Bryan University is and stands for as a testimony to the Lord Jesus and as an instrument for His service. As you pray for Bryan University, pray for the trustees as well as for the students, the faculty, the staff, and the supporting constituency.

## Gifts to Bryan Deductible From Federal Income Tax

For the benefit of friends who are interested in making contributions to Bryan University, the following statement indicates the official recognition of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue in declaring that the university is exempt from the payment of federal income tax.

"Contributions made to you are deductible by the donors in arriving at their taxable net income in the manner and to the extent provided by the Internal Revenue Code and corresponding provisions of prior revenue acts.

It further states, "Bequests, legacies, devises or transfers, to or for your use are deductible in arriving at the value of the net estate of a decedent for estate purposes . . . to the extent provided by the code." It is also true that "gifts of property . . . are deductible in computing net gifts for gift tax purposes in accordance with the code."

This information will be of value to those on whose hearts the Lord has laid the ministry of financial help to the university. Bequests should be made in the following form:

I give and bequeath unto the William Jennings Bryan University, incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee and located at Dayton, Tennessee, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_, and I direct that the release of the president or the treasurer of the said university shall be sufficient discharge for my executors.

## President Reports Progress (Continued from Page 1)

has not diminished. We wish to record here our expression of appreciation to every member of the faculty and staff who has helped to make this a successful year.

Students have been most active in Christian service engagements, conducting meetings in local churches, teaching Sunday school classes, preaching on the street and in jails, and witnessing effectively in hospitals and many other places.

Dr. Donald K. Campbell is to be with us in the Bible department next year. His employment was the result of much prayerful effort to secure the right one for the Bible department. Dr. Campbell has just received his doctor of theology degree from the Dallas Theological Seminary and is highly recommended.

Because of the concerted effort to obtain extra funds over the previous two-year period, in connection with the building program, it was decided that the constituency should not be subjected to such intensive pressure during the fiscal year just concluded. Relatively little construction activity was carried on, although efforts were made to obtain satisfactory bids for the completion of the memorial building.

We have concentrated this year on the reduction of outstanding obligations which were incurred in connection with the building program. Notes payable obligations of the operating fund and the building fund stand at about the same figure as a year ago. Current obligations, including contracts payable, which amounted to around \$56,000 a year ago have been reduced by approximately one-half.

This reduction in outstanding obligations has been accompanied by an increased investment of more than \$5,000 in the memorial building and more than \$6,000 in equipment, besides the investment in the athletic field.

This improvement in our financial situation is made possible through an increased income and reduced expenses. It has been encouraging to note that gift income reached \$85,509.73, slightly less than the previous year's total of \$86,513.24 second highest gift income in the history of the school.

While operating income from both gifts and fees reached an all-time high, there was a drastic reduction in the expense of the public relations division amounting to nearly \$10,000. The school has operated at a more efficient level because of the high enrollment figure. All enterprises

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## HITT APPOINTED EDITOR OF 'ETERNITY' MAGAZINE

Russell T. Hitt of Chicago, public relations consultant to Bryan and news editor of *Christian Life* magazine, has been appointed executive editor of *Eternity* magazine, according to Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse, founder of the periodical and internationally known Bible teacher. Mr. Hitt will continue to serve Bryan as consultant on a more limited basis.

Paul A. Hopkins, executive secretary of the Evangelical Foundation, Inc., explained that the choice of Mr. Hitt as executive editor of *Eternity* was part of that organization's recently inaugurated expansion program.

Widely known throughout the evangelical field, Mr. Hitt served as public relations director of Moody Bible Institute in Chicago for nine years and later of Scripture Press.

Mr. Hitt is a member of the board of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, and has been active in the development of the Greater Europe Mission.

Mr. Hitt and Willard Archer came to Bryan University in 1949 and worked together on a survey. Mr. Archer left a year ago to become associated with a fund-raising organization in the Minneapolis area and to accept the pastorate of the Downing, Wisconsin, Bible Church. More recently he has also been active in the development of several radio stations.

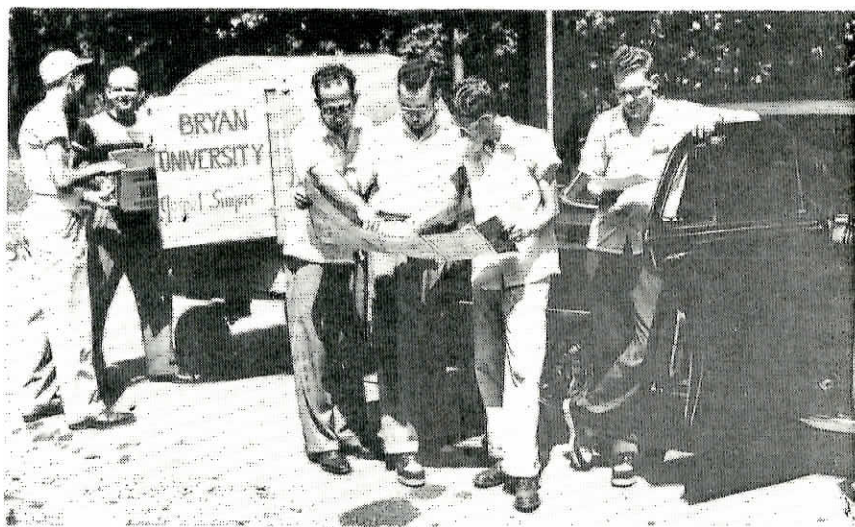
## CHOIR MEMBERS REVIEW ACTIVITIES AT BANQUET

Charles Thornton, president of the a cappella choir during the recent school year, was toastmaster for the choir banquet held May 23 in the student lounge.

Mickey Park, choir manager, led the group singing, and special music was provided by the male quartet and the girls' trio. The choir history, unfolding the activities and experiences of the singers during the past year, was read by Virginia Segune.

Dr. and Mrs. F. R. Rogers of Dayton invited the group, with its director, Gerald Woughter, to a buffet supper at their cabin atop Johnson's Bluff a few miles outside of Dayton.

During the year the 31-voice choir sang at a number of schools in this area including Tennessee Temple College, Baylor Schools for Boys, and McCallie Schools. Concerts were also presented in Chattanooga and Dayton churches and on Bryan Hill.



*Pictured are the Gospel Messengers shortly before they left on their summer tour. Left to right, they are Alva Conner, Jesse Deloe, Prof. Gerald Woughter, director, Armond Fritz, Donald Weltmer, and James Reese.*

## Gospel Messengers Leave on Ten-Week Summer Tour

After receiving some final suggestions and counsel from President Judson Rudd who committed them to the Lord in prayer, the Gospel Messengers, directed by Gerald Woughter,

assistant professor of music, said goodbye to the Bryan summer family and started on their summer tour Friday morning, June 12.

### Awards Announced

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and Dean Koontz, of Crown Point, Indiana. Bessie received a Bible, which is annually given to a senior student who has manifested a real Christian consecration, who has exhibited real facility in the use and application of the Bible, and who is looking forward to full-time Christian service. Dean received the music medal, awarded annually to a senior who has had at least two years of applied music at Bryan, who has given outstanding service to the university, and who has maintained a high scholarship standing.

The senior faculty prize to the one maintaining the highest scholastic record while at Bryan was awarded to Janice Miesel of Randolph, New York. Mrs. Miesel, who was graduated cum laude, averaged 2.486 during her four years. Other faculty prizes went to Betty Smetters of Chicago, Illinois, who in the judgment of the faculty contributed most in faithfulness and loyalty to the welfare of the university, and to John Edleston of Bloomsbury, New Jersey, who was considered to have achieved the most progress during his career at Bryan.

Mary Grover received the ten dollar prize as the one, who in the estimation of the entire freshman class, meant most to the freshmen in helping them to make their adjustment to life on Bryan Hill and in manifesting a real testimony for the Lord.

The tour, which had been originally scheduled to last eight weeks, was extended to ten weeks, and will take the team through most of the mid-western states. Their first appearance was at the Youth for Christ Rally in Memphis, Tennessee, Saturday evening, June 13. The tour will end at Cleveland, Ohio, August 23.

The Gospel Messengers are the first instrumental group to represent Bryan on an extended tour. Last year two teams, a male quartet and a ladies' quartet, traveled for Bryan in the South and Midwest.

## Seniors Present Christ as Lord In Concluding Vesper Service

"Lord of All" was the theme of the final senior vesper service held Tuesday evening, June 9, in the Memorial Chapel. Dean Koontz narrated the story as slides were shown to picture Christ as Lord over creation, Lord of salvation, and Lord of our service.

June Zehrung made a chalk drawing of the creation story while Janice Miesel read Genesis 1 and 2. Donald Walker and Howard Addleman told the story of their lives before salvation and then the effect that salvation had upon their lives.

\* To depict the responsibility that is upon each one in the service for the Lord, Bessie Degerman, Norma Sweeney, and John Edleston described the Lord's call for them into full-time Christian work.



## Senior Men, Sophomore Women Take Intramural Honors

Winners of the intramural trophies for the inter-class sports program at Bryan University this year were the senior men and the sophomore

women. The presentation of the trophies was made by William D. Green, faculty chairman of the athletic committee, during the chapel service May 26.

Trophy winners were determined at the third annual Intramural Field Day, which took place May 22. Conducted on the basis of class competition, each event was judged according to team ability. Morning events featured the broad jump, high jump, shot put, and obstacle race, with competition between both men's teams and women's teams. Moving from Bryan Hill to the Rhea high ball field, competition was resumed in the afternoon with several relay events.

Field day climaxed the sports program at Bryan this year. The trophies were given for an accumulative point total on the basis of games won in football, volleyball, basketball, and softball in the men's program, and soccer, volleyball, basketball, and softball in the women's program.

Twelve girls and ten fellows received the four-inch scarlet and gold letters as awards to individuals earning a specified number of points through active participation in sports. Bars were awarded to nine students who had previously earned sports letters.

Mary Barth, sophomore, and Charles Thornton, senior, received the sportsmanship awards.

## Tennis Trophies Awarded Winners of Spring Tourney

Presentation of trophies to the winners of the tennis tourney inaugurated during the latter part of the spring quarter was made during the chapel service May 26. Trophies were awarded to Janice Baer and Melba Mays, winners of the women's doubles, and to George Rock and Richard Schurz, winners of the men's doubles. George also captured the trophy for the men's singles.

More than 50 students took part in the tourney, which was played off at the new tennis courts in Dayton. Through the cooperation of William Forsten, owner and one of the directors of the S. and F. Hosiery Mills, the City of Dayton granted exclusive right to the university for the use of one of the courts during the tourney. Trophies were presented by Edward Payne, manager of the University Book Store.

## Class Honors Announced At Commencement Exercises

Recognition was given at the commencement exercises to the two students achieving the highest scholastic averages in each of the classes.

Based on the entire year, recognition to the seniors was given to Janice Miesel, who averaged 2.4687, and to Howard Addleman, who made a 2.468 average.

Honors for the other three classes are based on five-sixths of the year. The two highest in each of the classes were as follows: juniors, Joyann Conlan, 2.442, and Nadine Schick, 2.404; sophomores, Martha Sheffield, 2.593, and Joseph Henry, 2.453; and freshmen, Alice McLeod, 2.5, and Lowell Harris, 2.403.

## Turnabout Day Climaxes Year's All-School Activities

The annual Turnabout Day—when the girls ask the fellows for dates—climaxing the year's all-school activities, was held May 30. Fellows and girls exchanged places in the dining hall, the girls serving out the food and the fellows acting as "waitresses."

Miss Thelma Andrews, assistant to the dean of women, was speaker at the all-girls' chapel program. At that time, Dean D. W. Ryther, introduced as Madam Dwighta Ryther for the occasion, was crowned "queen for a day."

Following supper at the oven, a softball game between two Bryan all-star teams, was staged on the Dayton City School field.

The day was concluded with a bonfire and singspiration led by Tom Sacher. Dean Koontz brought a short devotional message.

## May Financial Report

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| Operating .....     | \$8,444.95 |
| Building Fund ..... | 8,886.68   |

Total May Gifts ..... \$17,331.63

### FISCAL YEAR TOTALS

(June 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953)

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| Operating .....         |             |
| (Budget \$48,000) ..... | \$44,168.32 |
| Building Fund .....     | 41,341.41   |

Grand Total for the Year \$85,509.73

### Christ Above All

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operated at a profit except the dairy.

Through the efforts of the alumni association, Bryan now has an athletic field which will fill a long-felt need. Alumni giving promises to reach an all-time goal, with \$2,400 set as the cost of leveling the athletic field.

In times of testing it is important that we keep before us the basic philosophy and program of Bryan University. We wish to suggest a seven-point program:

1. We must maintain the spiritual emphasis with a program that exalts "Christ Above All."
2. We must maintain high academic standards.
3. We must take advantage of every opportunity for the upgrading of personnel.
4. We must seek the most efficient business administration in the realm of budgetary control and financial planning.
5. We must maintain a permanent public relations program as basic to a conservative and Christ-honoring program of fund raising and student recruitment.
6. There should be continuous work on both short-range and long-range programs of development.
7. The memorial building must be completed as soon as possible with dormitories and a gymnasium to follow.

With God all things are possible, but He does use human instruments. When we think of all that has been accomplished and of the thousands of university friends, we see no reason why it should take a long time to pay outstanding accounts and the obligations to the banks nor why we should be longer delayed in the completion of the building. I believe that if the trustees, and particularly the executive, the finance, and the building committees, would give themselves to prayer and earnest consideration of ways to bring about answers to our prayers, we would see an outpouring of God's blessings. "According to your faith be it unto you."